

HOUSE RESOLUTION 132

By Hood

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Taylor's Chapel Baptist Church of Murfreesboro upon its 100th anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should recognize those venerable religious institutions and their congregations that, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, strive to enrich the lives of people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Taylor's Chapel Baptist Church in Murfreesboro comprise one such congregation and are celebrating the Church's 100th anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, the congregation was founded on April 2, 1905, by five members of the Rutherford County community; the church's land was generously donated by George W. Taylor, the great-grandfather of lifelong church member Douglas Taylor; and

WHEREAS, located on Halls Hill Pike, the church building erected in 1929 still serves as the church's fellowship hall; the church was remodeled in 1976, and a new sanctuary was opened in 1990; and

WHEREAS, with God's blessings and guidance, Taylor's Chapel Baptist Church is ably led by Pastor James Hargrove, who has served from 1985 to 1996, taking a break because of health problems and returning to lead this fine congregation in September of 2004; and

WHEREAS, with a core congregation of approximately seventy loyal people, Pastor Hargrove believes the limited, intimate congregation is a big draw for the church, describing it fondly as a small, country church with really friendly down-to-earth people; and

WHEREAS, serving as a testament to their tireless commitment to Christian service, the youth at Taylor's Chapel Baptist Church perform an annual dinner theater to raise money to finance their yearly mission trip to Cooper Basin; the group does everything from performing puppet plays to serving food to helping with carnival games for the needy kids. The members of this exceptional church also hold a "school supply store," where the children of Cooper Basin can get the supplies they need; and

WHEREAS, Taylor's Chapel Baptist Church of Murfreesboro has significantly contributed to the social, cultural, and spiritual vitality of the Murfreesboro community and the State of Tennessee and it is fitting that this General Assembly pause in its deliberations to honor the church, its pastor, and its congregation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby congratulate the Taylor's Chapel Baptist Church in Murfreesboro upon its 100th anniversary and thank the members of this estimable congregation for their faithful service to God, their community, and the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.